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Dear Tramway Owner:

Ski season will arrive within a few months. Accordingly, the Department of Public Safety and the Recreational Tramways Board sends this letter as a reminder to all tramway owners that several important aspects of the regulations have been amended. A summary of these changes follows:

- Under current regulations, tramway owners *do not* have a 90 day grace period following initial submission of a license application to operate their tramways.
- Ski Area Operators *must* file as part of their license application a "Prior to Operation Affidavit" which: (1) verifies that *all* items the Certified Inspector found to be out of compliance had been corrected; (2) documents the corrections; *and* (3) certifies that the tramway is in full compliance with the regulations and safe for operation.
- License applications *must* include a Certificate of Insurance demonstrating a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00.
- The current regulations adopt the most recent American National Standards Institute safety requirements (ANSI B77.1-1999).
- All tramways must be dynamically tested every 7 years.
- All ski area operators must obtain the written procedures on the latest modifications from their tramway manufacturers. These written procedures must be available during dynamic testing. If written procedures are not available from the manufacturer, then they must be obtained from a Registered Professional Engineer. Written procedures prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer must be submitted to the Board with a request for a specific date of inspection.
- Ski area operators must complete dynamic testing in accordance to 526 CMR 10.00. A log of all dynamic tests must be kept during the life of the tramway. This log must also be available to Certified Inspector and State Inspectors upon their request.

Please be reminded that under M.G.L. c. 143, § 71K, “[n]o recreational tramway shall be operated unless a license for such operation has been issued by the board.” Therefore, given the nature of the new regulations, it is *strongly* recommended that you submit your application as far in advance as practicable to avoid delaying your operation during the ski season. If you neglect to file an application in such timely fashion, the operation of tramways at your location *will* be delayed.

We suggest that owners review the regulations prior to start of ski season if you have not already done so. The regulations may be viewed on the Department of Public Safety's website, www.mass.gov/dps .

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

RECREATIONAL TRAMWAYS BOARD